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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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**July 19, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 20) dated on April 20, 2004,  
please consider and enter the following remarks and submission in the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a certified English translation of the Japanese priority  
document is attached following page 12 of this paper.